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### FAILURE MODES EFFECTS ANALYSIS (FMEA) -- CIL HARDWARE

NUMBER: 03-1-0415 -X

SUBSYSTEM NAME: MAIN PROPULSION

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### **PART DATA**

PART NAME PART NUMBER
VENDOR NAME VENDOR NUMBER

LRU : LINE LH2 MC271-0073-0001

ARROWHEAD PRODUCTS 13531-302

#### **EXTENDED DESCRIPTION OF PART UNDER ANALYSIS:**

LINE, LH2 17 INCH DIA. VACUUM JACKETED.

**REFERENCE DESIGNATORS:** FH7

**QUANTITY OF LIKE ITEMS:** 1

### **FUNCTION:**

THE LINE EXTENDS FROM THE ORBITER/ET DISCONNECT TO THE FEED LINE MANIFOLD. PROVIDES MEANS OF LOADING/DRAINING LH2 INTO ET & LH2 FLOW FOR SSME OPERATION. THE LINE INCORPORATES PENETRATIONS FOR LH2 PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE TRANSDUCERS, AND VACUUM JACKET FOR INSULATION. THE VACUUM JACKET INCORPORATES A RUPTURE DISK, EVACUATION VALVE, VACUUM GAGE, AND GETTER ASSEMBLY.

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NUMBER: 03-1-0415-01

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SUBSYSTEM NAME: MAIN PROPULSION

LRU: LH2 17" FEEDLINE, VACUUM JACKETED

ITEM NAME: LH2 17" FEEDLINE, VACUUM JACKETED

CRITICALITY OF THIS
FAILURE MODE: 1R2

**FAILURE MODE:** 

LOSS OF VACUUM JACKET INTEGRITY

MISSION PHASE: PL PRE-LAUNCH

LO LIFT-OFF

VEHICLE/PAYLOAD/KIT EFFECTIVITY: 102 COLUMBIA

103 DISCOVERY104 ATLANTIS105 ENDEAVOUR

CAUSE:

FATIGUE, MATERIAL DEFECT

CRITICALITY 1/1 DURING INTACT ABORT ONLY? NO

**REDUNDANCY SCREEN** A) PASS

B) PASS

C) PASS

PASS/FAIL RATIONALE:

A)

B)

C)

# - FAILURE EFFECTS -

### (A) SUBSYSTEM:

RESULTS IN EXCESSIVE HEAT LEAK INTO LH2 SYSTEM INABILITY TO MAINTAIN PROPELLANT QUALITY DURING LOADING. RESULTS IN LCC TEMPERATURE VIOLATION AND LAUNCH SCRUB.

### (B) INTERFACING SUBSYSTEM(S):

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SAME AS A.

#### (C) MISSION:

ON GROUND, VIOLATION OF LCC WILL RESULT IN LAUNCH SCRUB.

### (D) CREW, VEHICLE, AND ELEMENT(S):

SAME AS C.

### (E) FUNCTIONAL CRITICALITY EFFECTS:

1R/2 2 SUCCESS PATHS. TIME FRAME - PRELAUNCH

- 1) LOSS OF LINE VACUUM JACKET, RESULTING IN LH2 MANIFOLD TEMPERATURE OUT OF LCC LIMITS (HIGH).
- 2) LH2 MANIFOLD TEMPERATURE TRANSDUCER (V41T1428A) -ERRONEOUS INDICATION WITHIN LCC LIMITS.

POSSIBLE GAS FORMATION IN LH2 MANIFOLD RESULTING IN GAS INGESTION INTO SSMES AT ENGINE START. RESULTS IN POSSIBLE UNCONTAINED ENGINE DAMAGE DUE TO PUMP CAVITATION. HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH FIRE/EXPLOSION. POSSIBLE LOSS OF CREW/VEHICLE.

#### -DISPOSITION RATIONALE-

### (A) DESIGN:

THE FEEDLINE ASSEMBLY IS A 17-INCH DIAMETER LIQUID HYDROGEN FEEDLINE. THE PRESSURE CARRIER IS CONSTRUCTED OF INCONEL 718. THE THREE BALL-STRUT TIE ROD ASSEMBLIES (BSTRA) GIVE THE FEEDLINE FLEXIBILITY TO PROVIDE FOR DIFFERENTIAL MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE EXTERNAL TANK DISCONNECT AND THE LH2 FUEL MANIFOLD. THE BSTRA INCORPORATE 2 PLY BELLOWS TO MINIMIZE STRESS LEVELS AND FLOW LINERS TO ELIMINATE FLOW INDUCED VIBRATION.

THE LINE IS DESIGNED FOR A MAXIMUM OPERATING PRESSURE OF 45 PSIA AT 423 DEG F AND A NOMINAL FLOW RATE OF 444 POUNDS PER SECOND. MAXIMUM STATIC PRESSURE IS 55 PSIG. THE LINE CAN WITHSTAND A PRESSURE SURGE 40 TO 50 PSIG IN 200 MILLISECONDS AND A THERMAL CHANGE FROM 200 DEG F TO MINUS 423 DEG F. THE PROOF PRESSURE FACTOR IS 1.2 AND THE BURST PRESSURE FACTOR IS 1.5. THE USEFUL DYNAMIC LIFE IS 14.2 HOURS (EQUIVALENT TO 100 ORBITER MISSIONS). THE PRESSURE CARRIER MEETS THE FRACTURE ANALYSIS REQUIREMENT FOR 400 MISSIONS. STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS INDICATES POSITIVE (GREATER THAN 1.4) MARGINS OF SAFETY FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF LINE OPERATION.

THE LINE ASSEMBLY IS ENCAPSULATED BY A SINGLE-PLY INCONEL 718 VACUUM JACKET, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF END FLANGES AND BOSSES. THE VACUUM JACKET CONSISTS OF STRAIGHT, CORRUGATED, AND BELLOWS SECTIONS INTERCONNECTED INTO A SINGLE ANNULUS. THE VACUUM JACKET IS SEPARATED FROM THE PRESSURE CARRIER BY

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APPROXIMATELY 0.5 INCH. IT IS DESIGNED TO ABSORB THE THERMAL CHANGES OF THE PRESSURE CARRIER. THE VACUUM JACKET IS SERVICED BY A SINGLE EVACUATION VALVE, THERMOCOUPLE GAGE, AND BURST DISC. THE BURST DISC RUPTURE PRESSURE IS 25 PSIG MAXIMUM. THE VACUUM JACKET WILL WITHSTAND AN IMPLOSION PRESSURE OF 22 PSI. WHEN EVACUATED TO LESS THAN 1000 MICRONS, THE VACUUM JACKET MEETS THE LINE ASSEMBLY INSULATION REQUIREMENT OF 30.0 BTU PER HOUR PER SQUARE FOOT MAXIMUM.

## (B) TEST:

ATP

**EXAMINATION OF PRODUCT.** 

VACUUM JACKET PRESSURE RISE.

PRESSURE CARRIER AND VACUUM JACKET LEAKAGE (AMBIENT).

PRESSURE CARRIER AND VACUUM JACKET LEAKAGE (CRYO - DOES NOT INCLUDE THE END FLANGES WHICH ARE EXTERNAL TO VACUUM JACKET).

PROOF PRESSURE TEST.

OPERATIONAL TEST (CRYO).

ELEVATED AMBIENT TEMPERATURE TEST.

### **CERTIFICATION**

THE TYPE I LINE WAS SUBJECTED TO THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATION TESTS:

ENDURANCE - 2200 STRUCTURAL DEFLECTION CYCLES WHILE FILLED WITH LN2 AND PRESSURIZED AT 45 PSIG.

PRESSURE TEST SURGE - 50 CYCLES COMPRESSED AND 50 CYCLES EXTENDED POSITION, FILLED WITH LN2 AND CYCLED FROM ZERO TO 55 TO ZERO PSIG.

THERMAL CYCLE -100 TEMPERATURE SHOCK CYCLE, AMBIENT TO MINUS 423 DEG F TO AMBIENT.

VIBRATION - IN ALL THREE AXES:

SINUSOIDAL SWEEP OVER THE FREQUENCY RANGE OF 5 TO 2000 HZ.

RANDOM VIBRATION WAS MAINTAINED AT THE INLET AND OUTLET ENDS FOR 3.9 HOURS, VIBRATION AT THE OUTLET END WAS CONTINUED FOR 9.4 HOURS AT A PRESSURE OF 35 PSIG. LINE FILLED WITH LH2, PRESSURIZED TO 30 PSIG (RANDOM VIBRATION).

PRESSURE CARRIER - EXTERNALLY PRESSURIZED IMPLOSION TEST TO 30 PSID ACROSS THE PRESSURE CARRIER.

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PRESSURE CYCLE - 1140 CYCLES, PRESSURE CYCLE VARYING IN RANGE FROM 0 TO 55 PSIG AT 83% AND 90 % COMPRESSED POSITION.

BURST PRESSURE - NO LEAKAGE OR DAMAGE AFTER 5 MINUTES AT 85 PSIG.

#### ET/ORB UMBILICAL SEP TEST

THE 17" LINE WAS ATTACHED TO THE UMBILICAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE SEPARATION TEST PROGRAM. THE UMBILICAL/LINE ASSEMBLY WAS SUBJECTED TO RANDOM VIBRATION TESTS (4.4 HOURS PER AXIS) WHILE FILLED WITH LH2. THE LINE WAS ALSO SUBJECTED TO UMBILICAL RETRACT TESTS AT BOTH NOMINAL CONDITIONS AND SIMULATED HYDRAULIC RETRACT ACTUATOR FAILURES.

#### **OMRSD**

ANY TURNAROUND CHECKOUT IS ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMRSD.

#### (C) INSPECTION:

RECEIVING/INSPECTION

RAW MATERIALS, INCLUDING CHEMICAL AND MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS, ARE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION FOR MATERIAL AND PROCESS CERTIFICATION.

#### ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS GIVEN TO HIGH STRENGTH STRUCTURAL STEELS (INCONEL 718), DURING FABRICATION, IS VERIFIED. ALL COMPONENTS ARE VISUALLY, DIMENSIONALLY, AND INCREMENTALLY INSPECTED DURING FABRICATION. SEALING SURFACES PROTECTION IS VERIFIED. MACHINING OPERATION OF FLANGE DETAIL PARTS ARE PER DRAWING AND APPLICABLE SPECIFICATION AND IS VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

### NON DESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION

WELDS ARE FLUORESCENT PENETRANT AND RADIOGRAPHICALLY INSPECTED. MACHINED PARTS ARE FLUORESCENT PENETRANT INSPECTED.

#### **TESTING**

ATP VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

## **CRITICAL PROCESSES**

HEAT TREATMENT VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

#### CONTAMINATION CONTROL

PARTS PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE AND CONTAMINATION ARE VERIFIED. CLEANLINESS TO LEVEL 400 VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

### HANDLING/PACKAGING

PACKAGING FOR SHIPMENT VERIFIED BY INSPECTION.

# (D) FAILURE HISTORY:

THE OV104 LH2 TYPE II (12 INCH) LINE HAD EXCESSIVE VACUUM PRESSURE RISE AFTER ATP ELEVATED TEMPERATURE TEST. CRACKS IN THE SEALING WELD (NON-STRUCTURAL) OF THE BALL STRUT TIE ROD ASSEMBLY BELLOWS ADAPTER WERE FOUND. SEALING WELD WAS REVISED TO REDUCE THE NUGGET SIZE AND MINIMIZE THERMAL EFFECTS.

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EFFECTIVITY IS FOR ALL OV104 AND SUBS LINES (REFERENCE CAR AC5228). THIS IS A ONE TIME OCCURRENCE. ALL PRIOR AND SUBSEQUENT LINES HAVE PASSED ATP. THIS FAILURE IS ATP SCREENABLE.

CURRENT DATA ON TEST FAILURE, FLIGHT FAILURE, UNEXPLAINED ANOMALIES, AND OTHER FAILURES EXPERIENCED DURING GROUND PROCESSING ACTIVITY CAN BE FOUND IN THE PRACA DATABASE.

## (E) OPERATIONAL USE:

NO CREW ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.

### - APPROVALS -

S&R ENGINEERING : W.P. MUSTY :/S/ W. P. MUSTY

S&R ENGINEERING ITM : P. A. STENGER-NGUYEN :/S/ P. A. STENGER-NGUYEN

DESIGN ENGINEERING : EARL HIRAKAWA :/S/ EARL HIRAKAWA

MPS SUBSYSTEM MGR. : TIM REITH :/S/ TIM REITH
MOD : BILL LANE :/S/ BILL LANE
USA SAM : MIKE SNYDER :/S/ MIKE SNYDER
USA ORBITER ELEMENT : SUZANNE LITTLE
NASA SR&QA : ERICH BASS :/S/ ERICH BASS